

12 September 1972

Dear General Goodpaster:

Many thanks for your kind invitation to attend the General Assembly Meeting at SHAPE on 30 September. Unfortunately, as I told Colonel Sittner, I cannot make it. I will be in Europe a little later and it would be hard for me to justify both trips so close together.

The fact that I cannot attend in no way lessens the warm memories I retain of SHAPE and the ten years I have spent at NATO.

With every good wish to Dossie and to you and with many thanks,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA

General Andrew J. Goodpaster
Supreme Allied Commander, Europe
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APO New York 09055

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20310

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Lieutenant General Vernon Walters, USA
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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

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"Dear Dick:

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"I would hope that you can attend our 1972 General Assembly and that this offer by General Wade will facilitate your plans. He will be departing Andrews Air Force Base for Brussels on Thursday evening,

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28 September with a 'close doors' time of 2100 hours (local) EDT. The return flight to Andrews will be from Brussels International Airport with a 1200 hours (local) 'close doors' on Sunday, 1 October. We will arrange transportation to and from the Brussels airport.

"If you can accept this invitation, please contact Colonel Sittner, the SHAPE Liaison Officer in The Pentagon who is serving as my and General Wade's focal point. He will provide you with invitational orders, additional information concerning trip arrangements, etc.

"I am sure you appreciate the fact that General Wade and I must have an early indication of your intentions in order that others may be invited in the event you decline. I do hope, however, that you will be able to attend. . . it will be good to have you here.

"With warm regards,

Sincerely,

/Signed/

ANDREW J. GOODPASTER
General, U.S. Army
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As requested by General Goodpaster, I request you contact me at the earliest possible time concerning your plans. If you can accept the invitation, I will have available at the VIP Lounge at Andrews Air Force Base on 28 September copies of Invitational Travel Orders and other detailed information pertinent to this trip to SHAPE. Also, you should have your baggage available at the Andrews Air Force Base VIP Lounge not later than one-half hour prior to the scheduled close door time to insure proper tagging, handling and loading.

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My complete address and home phone number is:

Colonel H. H. Sittner
SHAPE Liaison Officer
Room 1A 711, The Pentagon
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Office - Oxford 7-7946/8420/8751



I look forward to being of assistance to you and to SACEUR in making this year's General Assembly a pleasant experience and a complete success for all of those attending.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. H. Sittner'.

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